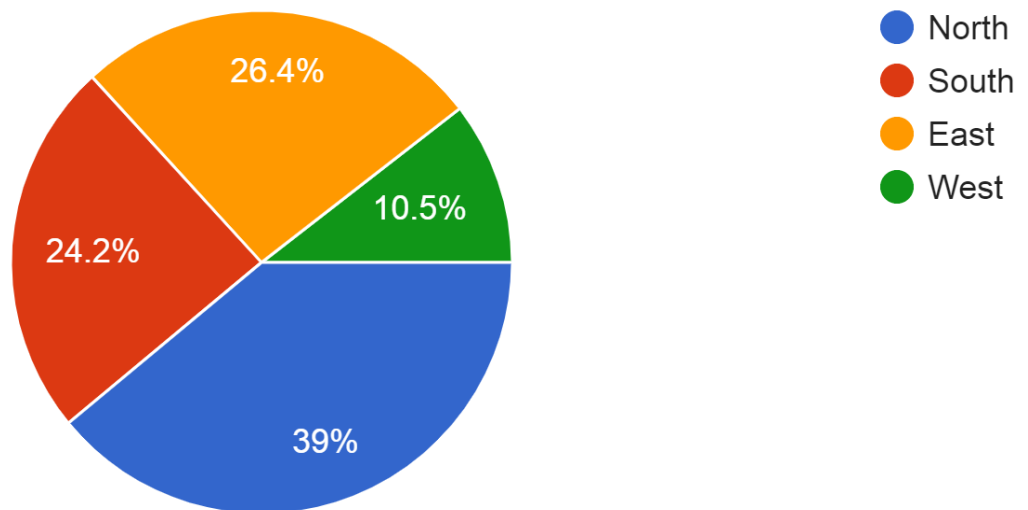


Shore Water Rule Revision - Public Survey Results

Survey conducted from December 16, 2021 through February 16, 2022

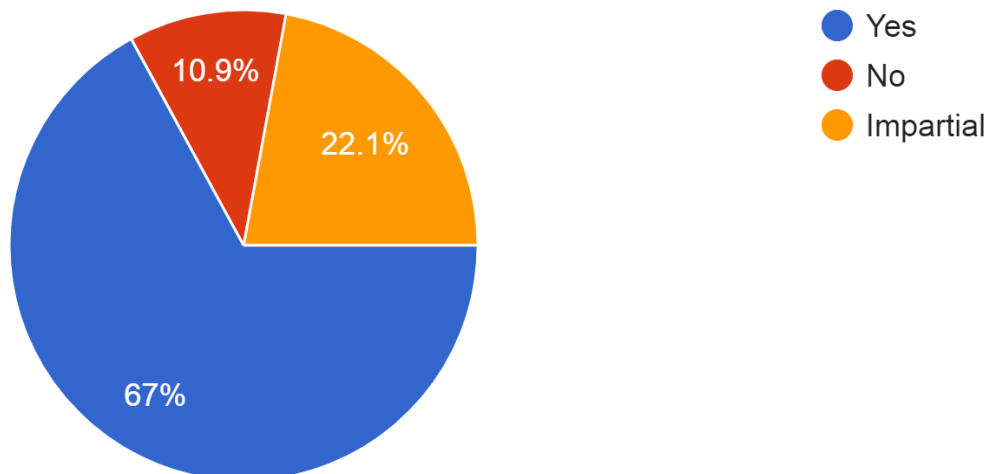
1. Which shore of O‘ahu do you frequently visit?

277 responses



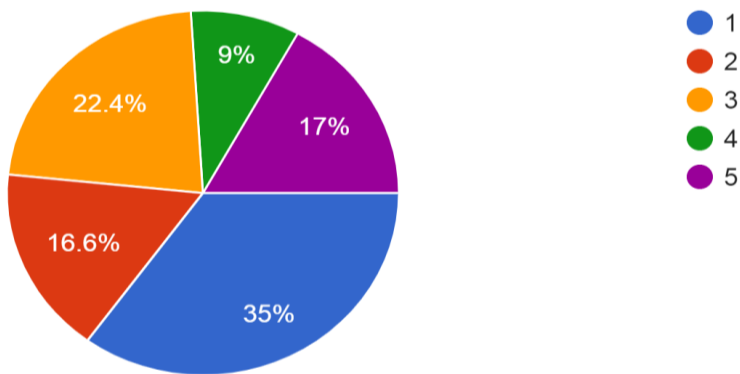
2. Do you enjoy watching (live or virtual) competitive water sport events?

276 responses



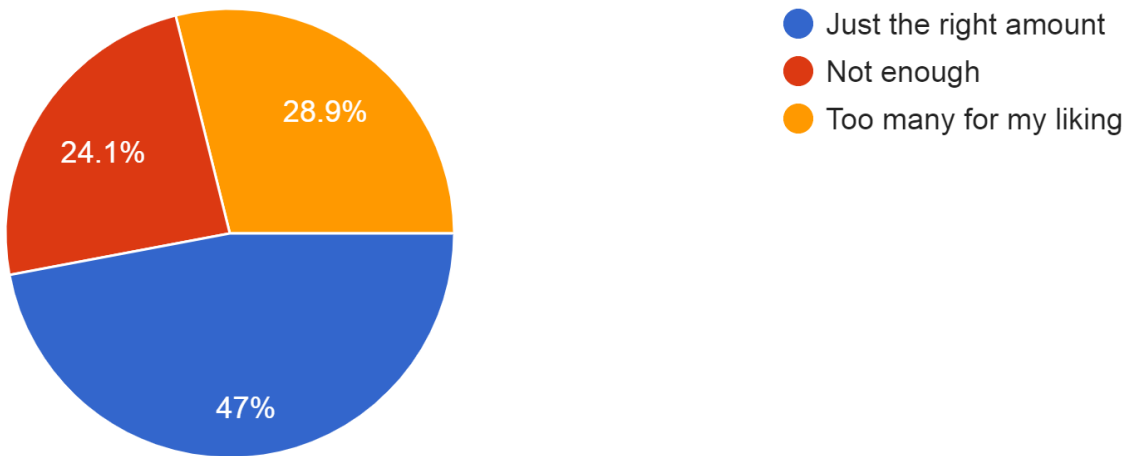
3. How familiar are you with the permitting process for Shore Water Events at our City & County of Honolulu parks? 1 - not familiar and 5 - very familiar

277 responses



4. Do you feel that the amount of Shore Water Events in your community is:

270 responses

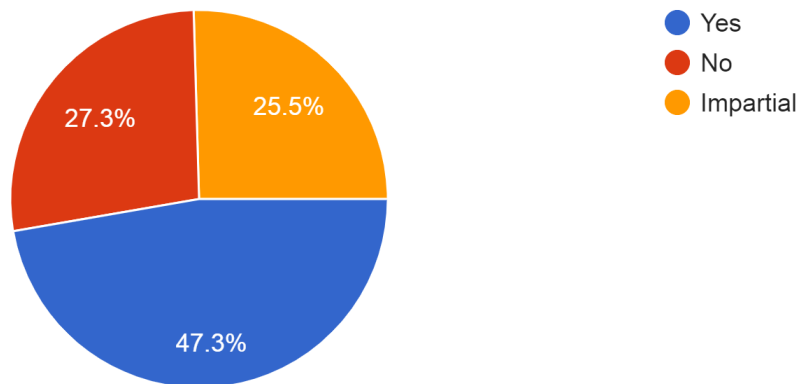


5. What should be considered when awarding Shore Water Permits to applicants (check all that apply): 276 responses

- Timely & complete application = 161 (58.3%)
- Community input = 188 (68.1%)
- Historical nature = 164 (59.4%)
- Gender equity = 97 (35.1%)
- Age distribution = 67 (24.3%)
- Other: 80 (including: traffic, viewing space, community benefits, traditional Hawaiian practices, safety, environmental impact, parking, diversity of activities [bodyboarding, bodysurfing], time of usage)

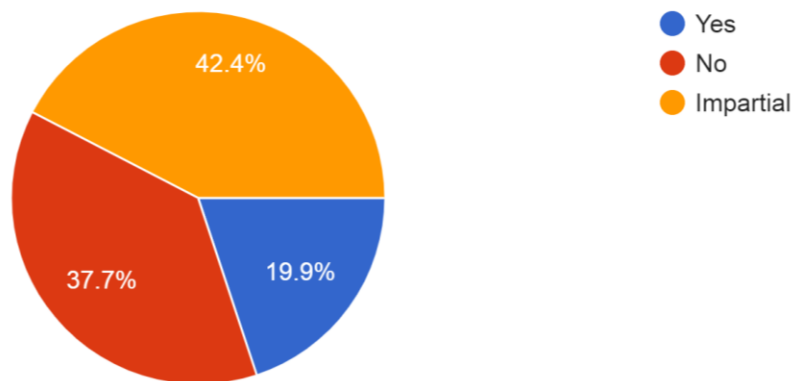
6. Currently, the North Shore has more in-depth regulations in regards to contest days and cool down periods. Should all the shores of O'ahu have similar limitations?

275 responses



7. Should the definition of a big wave be re-defined? The current big wave definition is minimum 40-foot faces.

276 responses



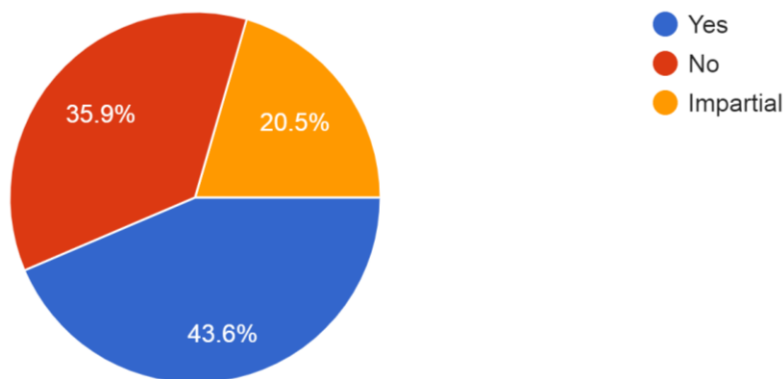
8. If you answered "yes" to #7, do you have a suggestion on the minimum size of the wave?

61 responses

- 15-feet and below = 4
- 20-feet = 6
- 25-feet = 10
- 30-feet = 7
- 35-feet = 6
- 40-feet and above = 4
- Depends on locations = 3
- Depends on activity = 3
- Depends on conditions = 3
- No or N/A = 15

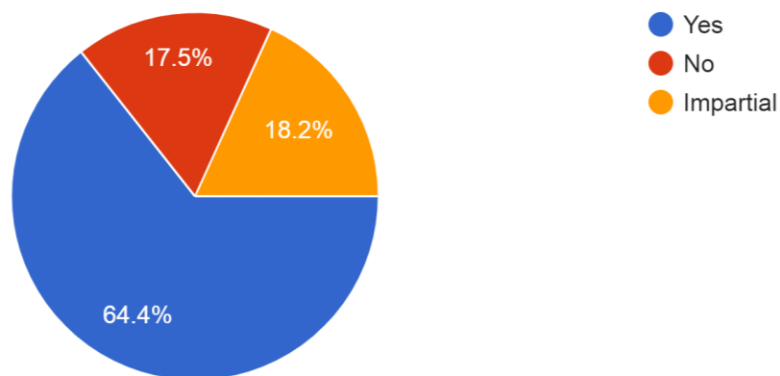
9. Should permit applications be approved on a first-come-first-served basis, provided they meet all requirements and there are no existing conflicts?

273 responses

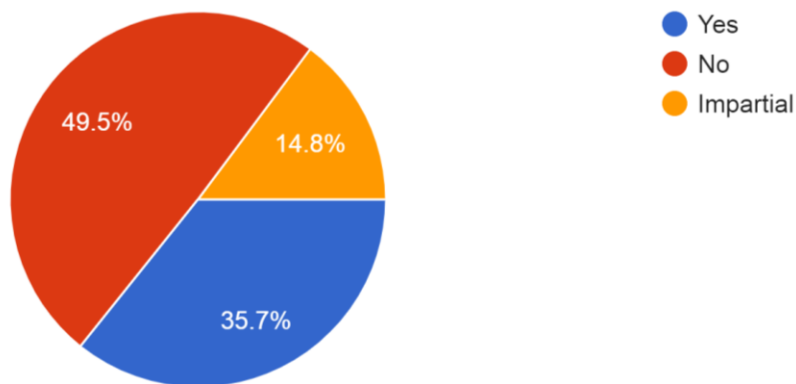


10. Should all Shore Water Event applicants undergo a weighted panel review? Currently, North Shore Surf Event applications are judged based on ...impact, compliance with park rules, and diversity.

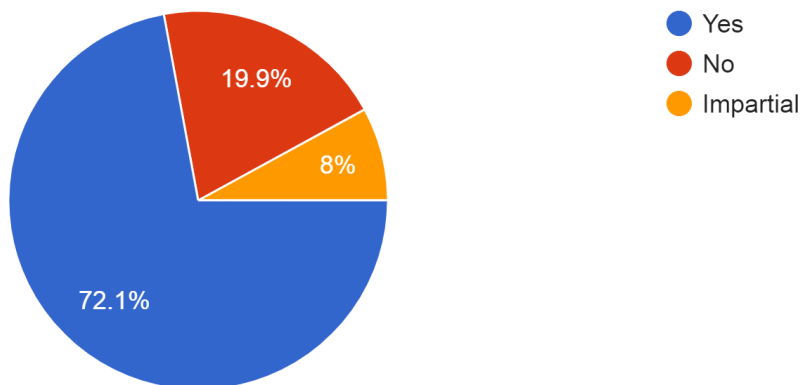
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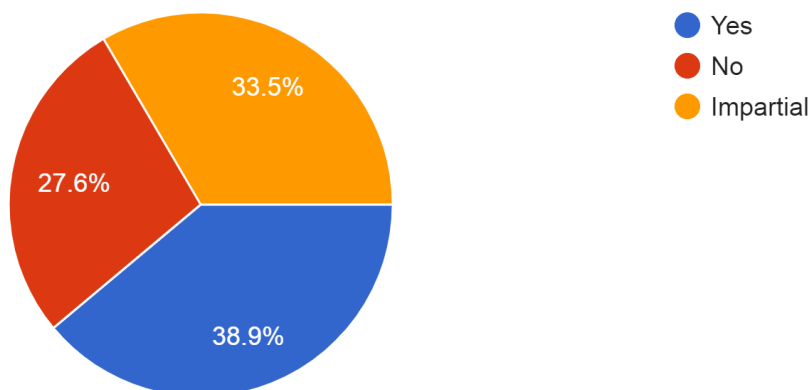
11. Currently, on the North Shore, surf contests are not permitted to take place on holidays. Other communities allow regattas and swim events on holid...ay restrictions apply to all permits at all parks?
277 responses



12. Should sponsors be responsible for maintenance, custodial, or repair costs incurred by the City on competition days?
276 responses

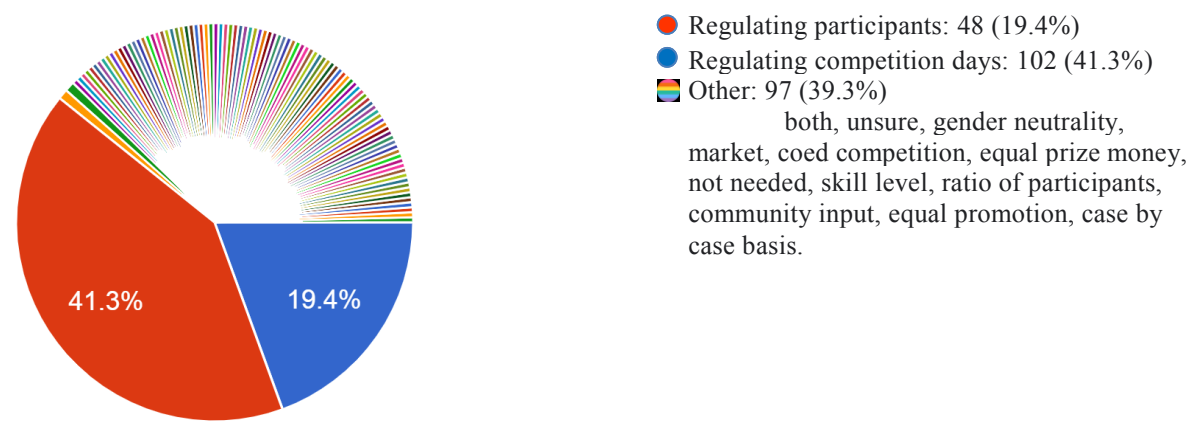


13. Do you feel that there is currently fair and equitable gender representation in Shore Water Events?
275 responses



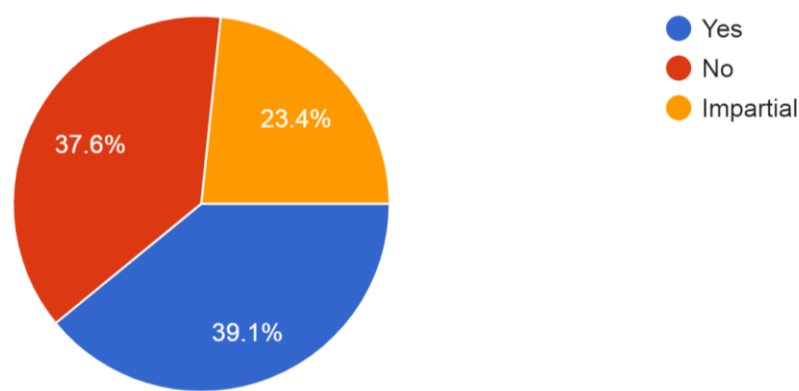
14. What is the best way to establish gender equity in Shore Water Events?

247 responses



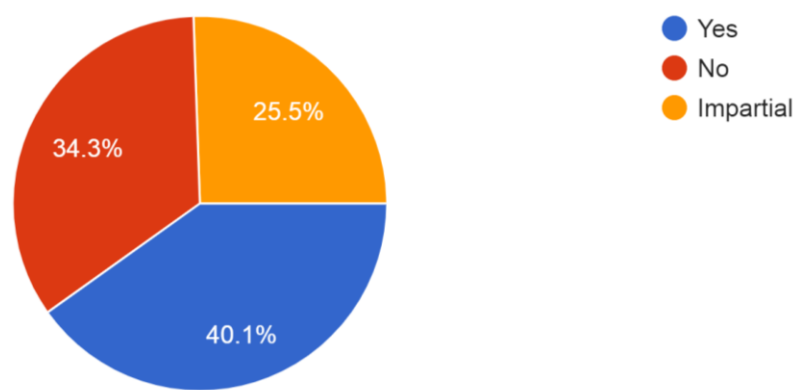
15. Currently, when applications are in conflict a weighted board review decides who will be awarded the permit. Ten percent of the consideration is given to carry more weight in the awarding process?

274 responses



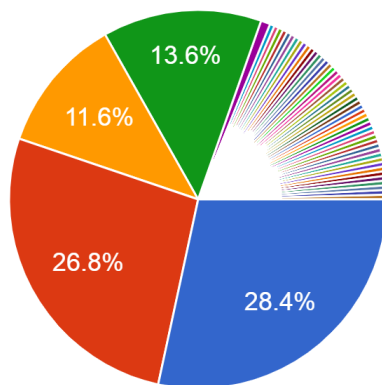
16. Currently, there are 64 competition days on the North Shore. As a consideration, should the total number of competition days be split equally between men and women?

274 responses



17. Concerning gender equity guidelines, if an event organizer is unable to fill a gender-specific event with participants when should they be allowed slots? (Be it participants or competition days)

250 responses

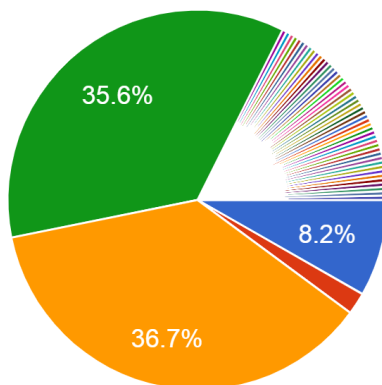


- 7 days: 71 (28.4%)
- 14 days: 67 (26.8%)
- 21 days: 29 (11.6%)
- 30 days: 34 (13.6%)
- Other: 49 (19.6%)

Impartial, don't understand, unsure, depends on event/timing, not needed, two months, never, should always be open to all genders, no event, be fair, fill competition roster

18. How can the City & County of Honolulu improve the Shore Water Event application process?

267 responses

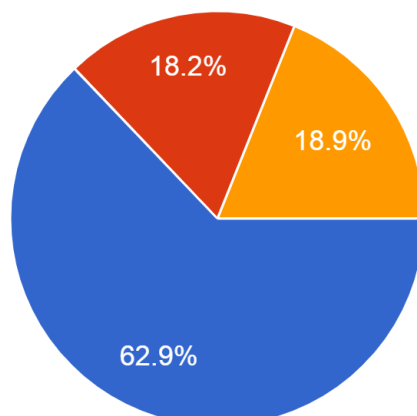


- They are doing great, don't change anything: 22 (8.2%)
- More in depth permitting process: 5 (1.9%)
- More transparency on permit process: 98 (36.7%)
- More accountability of permit holders after the process: 95 (35.6%)
- Other: 47 (17.6%)

Multi-modal access, traffic management, less competition days/more public access, better maintenance, online viewing, better information, better applicant coordination, online applications, improved accountability/transparency, equity, noise level

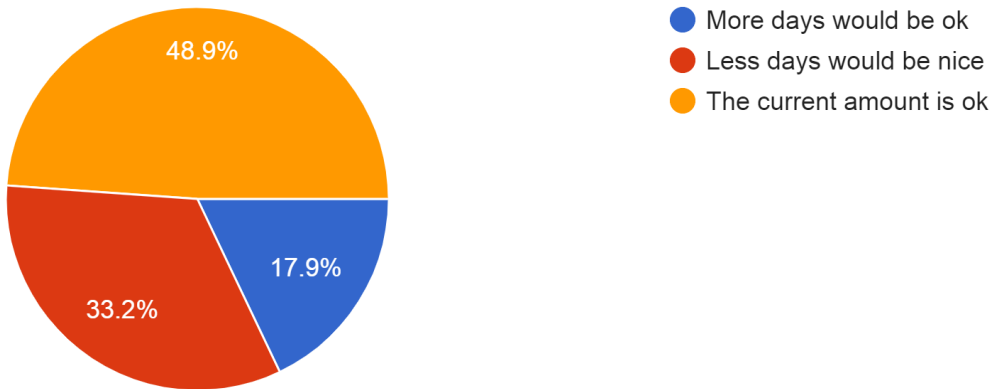
19. Currently, a \$2 million insurance policy is required to attain a permit. Is this amount:

264 responses

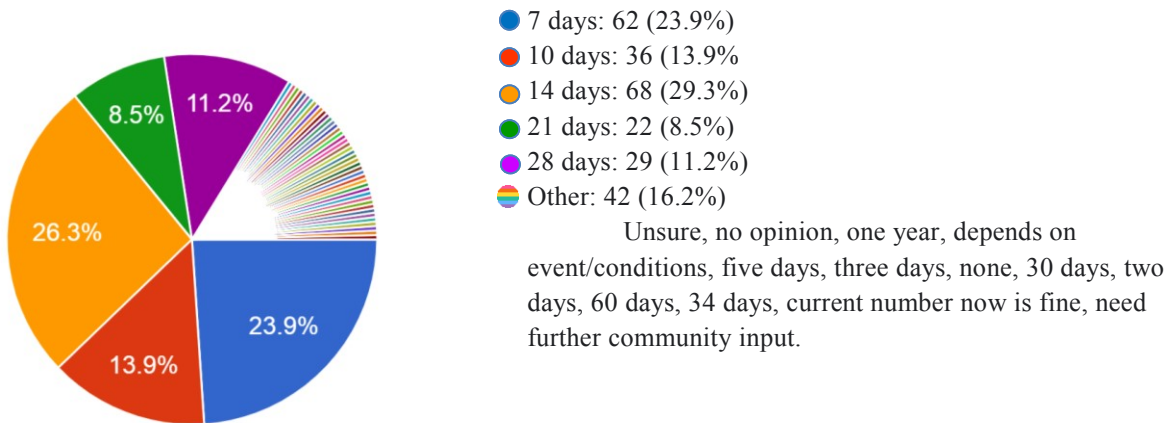


- Enough
- Not enough
- Too much

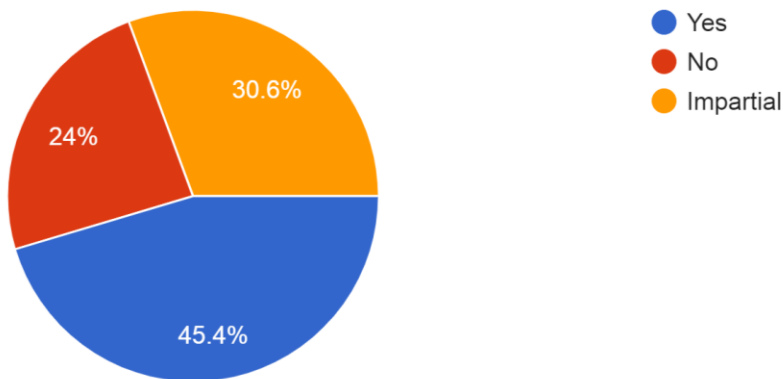
20. Currently, no more than 16 competition days are allowed at each of the four North Shore locations per year. In your opinion, should there be more or less competition days be allowed?
268 responses



21. How many days between competitions should be required for the North Shore community to cool down? (North Shore)
259 responses

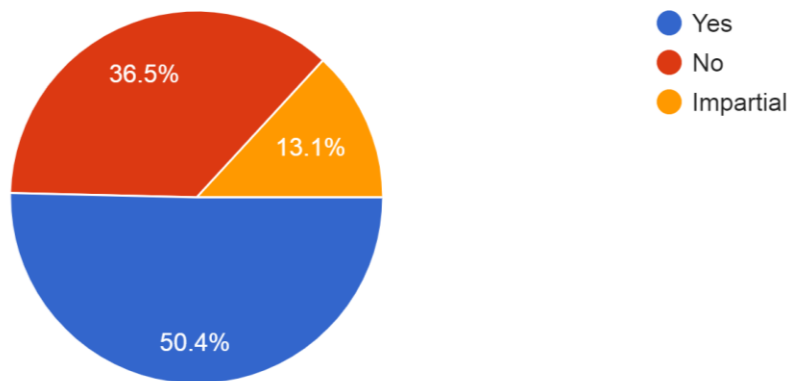


22. Currently, the North Shore Water Calendar is based on a calendar year (January - December). Should the calendar be based on the winter surf season (September - May)?
271 responses



23. Currently, two or more surf competitions are not allowed to run on the same date on the North Shore. If wave conditions allow a big wave event a... to allow both competitions to run simultaneously?

274 responses



To view the 131 comments expressed for question 24 (Are there any additional comments you would like to provide?) [click here](#)

Mahalo to everyone who participated in the Shore Water Event Public Survey!

Following internal review by the Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation staff, other City officials, and the Shore Water Advisory Group, the draft of the revised rules for Shore Water Events will be available for public review beginning one month before a public hearing. Please stay tuned for more information. Mahalo again to the nearly 280 respondents who took part in the survey!